

HA-1492

Between 1886 & 1904

House
129 Thomas
Bel Air
Private

This house was also originally a two bay gable-roofed shotgun house. Additions have given it a T-shape. Decorative elements include the fishscale shingles in the front gable as well as the louvered vent there, and the chamfered porch posts.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

129 Thomas Street

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER rental

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

George N. Weber

Telephone #: 838-6632

STREET & NUMBER

708 Linwood Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 554

Folio #: 359

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small, two-story, T-shaped house is at 129 Thomas Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. A block showing one bay on each side of the back of the original two-bay shotgun house has been added, giving it the T-shape. Decorative elements include fish-scale shingles in the gable of the front (north) elevation, the gable louvered vent, and the shed porch carried on chamfered posts. There is no porch balustrade. A stove chimney rises outside on the west elevation. A metal hood shades the kitchen door in the west bay (north side) of the back addition and a wrought iron handrail guards the steps to the door.

The windows in the main block are 6/6 double-hung sash except for the 2/2 window in the east bay of the facade on the ground floor. The windows in the addition are 3/1. The door is new.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

HA-1492

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES between 1886 and 1904 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This T-shaped house is slightly atypical of the workingman's housing of the period. Once a shot-gun style like its neighbors, it has been enlarged to its present shape. It was built on part of lot #2 in the Hays Addition. The land was part of the estate of merchant Thomas Hays, wealthy Harford County landowner.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #1215 in the Town of Bel Air,
33.5' x 171'.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

30 May 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1492

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

House

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: *rental unit*

ORIGINAL USE: *private residence*

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ()

Good (☒)

Fair ()

Poor: ()

THEME: *Architecture*

STYLE: *Vernacular*

DATE BUILT:

between 1886 + 1904

COUNTY: *Harford*

TOWN: *Bel Air*

LOCATION: *129 Thomas*

COMMON NAME:

House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: *private residence*

OWNER:

ADDRESS: *George W. Weber*
708 Linwood Ave
Bel Air, Md

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes ()

No ()

Restricted (☒)

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local (☒)

State ()

National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone () Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()

2. Wall Structure

A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon ()

B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()

C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:

3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap (☒)
Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()

Bonding Pattern:

Other:

4. Roof Structure

A. Truss: Wood () Iron () Steel () Concrete ()

B. Other:

5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle (☒) Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:

6. Engineering Structure:

7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (☒) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys (☒) Sheds () Ells ()
Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()
Other:

Number of Stories: *2*

Number of Bays: *2* (*back 1 bay each side*) Entrance Location: *Thomas St.*

Approximate Dimensions:

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()

Development (☒) Deterioration ()

Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive () Negative ()

Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

shotgun with back block T shaped - fish scale shingles
 in front gable + louvered double vent - windows $\frac{6}{6}$ up +
 sides, $\frac{2}{2}$ down front - new door - side stone chimney
 shed porch chamfered posts, no balustrade - metal hood over
 kit. door in w bay of back addit. & wrought iron handrail
 $\frac{3}{1}$ windows in addit 2 bays in back

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Working man's housing

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



Eastern alley

Thomas

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
 Moderately Built Up() Densely Built Up()
 Residential() Commercial(✓)
 Agricultural() Industrial()
 Roadside Strip Development()
 Other:

M. Larew

RECORDED BY: Town of Belair

ORGANIZATION:

29 May 79

DATE RECORDED

